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Town of Easton Board of Finance - Minutes

Location:

Easton Senior Center

Meeting Type: Regular

Date/Time: March 1, 2016 – 7:00PM

Attendees:

Matt Gachi-Chair, Paul Lindoerfer-Clerk, Richard Cremin, Andy Kachele, Michael Kot,

Art Laske

Absentee(s):

Gabriel Rossi

Guest(s):

Adam Dunsby-First Selectman, Robert Lessler-Selectman, Wendy Bowditch-Treasurer, Grace

Stanczyk-Comptroller

Meeting called to order at:

7:03 p.m. by: Matt Gachi

Appointment of Alternates

Action/Motions:

Appoint Michael Kot to fill in for Lee Hanson for this meeting.

Motion (Second):

Andy Kachele (Art Laske)

Result: All in favor

Agenda Item 1

Approval of Past Minutes

Notes:

Action/Motions:

None

Accept the February 2, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Motion (Second):

Result: All in favor

Andy Kachele (Richard Cremin)

Follow Up:

Review and discuss BOF management reports and future objectives Agenda Item 2

Notes:

This was the first of what will be a monthly review of management reports of YTD expenses and revenues. A few line items were discussed. The Debt Service expense line is not correct and will be corrected. No other line items appear to need further review.

Action/Motions:

None

Motion (Second):

Result:

Follow Up:

Debt Service expense line item will be corrected.

Agenda Item 3

Receive progress report from the Chairman of the Finance Department Review Subcommittee.

Notes:

Andy Kachele described the work and results of the subcommittee on finance department review. Comptroller, Grace Stanczyk, will be retiring on July 1 of this year. A stipend has been offered to her to continue working in the Finance Department for a time after her replacement has been hired. The sub-committee is also recommending that Grace be paid

for 1000 hours of unused sick time.

Action/Motions:

A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the job description for the

new position of Director of Finance.

Motion (Second):

Art Laske (Rich Cremin)

Result: All in favor.

Follow Up:

Agenda Item 4

Review and discuss Park & Recs Spring/Summer 2016 Projections

Notes:

This agenda item was moved to March 2 when Parks & Rec will present their budget

recommendation to the Board.

Agenda Item 5	Review and possible action on outstanding capital projects list (attached)		
Notes:	A Capital Project Fund list, prepared by Wendy Bowditch, was discussed. The list shows a number funds open and with remaining funds for old projects that have been completed.		
Action/Motions:	A motion was made to transfer to the Unassigned Fund Balance all remaining funds from the following capital projects: EMS Ambulance, EMS Generator, Telephone System Town Hall, Central Office Relo SP Approp, FD Breathing Apparatus, P&R Veterans Park, P&R Toth Park DEP, EMS Building Renovations.		
Motion (Second):	Andy Kachele (Art Laske)	Result:	All in favor
Action/Motions:	A motion was made to close the above funds.	•	
Motion (Second):	Andy Kachele (Art Laske)	Result:	All in favor
Action/Motions:	A motion was made close the following LOCIP-funded Capital Project Funds: Fire Radios LOCIP, EMS Radios LOCIP and Dispatch-Console-LOCIP. No funds were transfered. Any remaining balance from them gets added back to the total available to be requested from the state.		
Motion (Second):	Andy Kachele (Art Laske)	Result:	All in favor
Action/Motions:	A motion was made to transfer to the Unassigned Fund Balance all remaining funds from the following bonded capital projects: School Building Cmte 2001, SSES, CO Bond Authorization, HKMS School Building.		
Motion (Second):	Andy Kachele (Art Laske)	Result:	All in favor
Action/Motions:	A motion was made to close the above funds plus close the Water Main Extension project fund which had no funds remaining.		
Motion (Second):	Andy Kachele (Art Laske)	Result:	All in favor
Agenda Item 6	Budget Overview - 1st Selectman Adam Dunsby		
Notes:	Adam reviewed his letter to the Board entitled "Overview of 2016-17 Budget".		
Action/Motions:	None		
Motion (Second):	Result:		
Follow Up:	None		
Agenda Item 7	Review Budgets for the Following:		
Notes:	Budgets were reviewed for the following departments:		
7a. Tree Warden – Presented by Richard Dina, Tree Warden			rden
	7b. Health Department – Presented by Polly Edwards, R.S. 7c. Emergency Medical Service – Presented by Chief Carolyn Kearney and Asst. Chief Jonathan Arnold		
7d. Senior Center - Presented by Valerie Buckley, Senior Center Director			
	7e. Commission for Aging – Presented by Alison Witherbee, Municipal Agent 7f. Social Services (Agenda item 7a) – Presented by Alison Witherbee who recently took over this position at 1.5 hours per week.		

Action/Motions:

A motion was made to add an agenda item (7f) for discussion of the budget for Social

Motion (Second):

Art Kachele (Rich Cremin)

Result: All in favor.

Follow Up:

None

Agenda Item 8

Adjournment

Time: 9:17 PM

Action/Motions:

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Motion (Second):

Michael Kot (Andy Kachele)

Result: All in favor